

THE MURDER IN COLUMBIA, I
PARTICULARS OF THE OCCURRENCE.
On Tuesday last, an investigation
made before Esquire Fisher, of Colum

of the facts relative to the recent Mur
case in Columbia. District Attorney Th
son, attended, and conducted the exam
ination, we learn, with much ability. We
from the *Spy* of Saturday last the follo
TESTIMONY.
D. Henry Jones, a colored man, who
of April, 1861, at A. M. I was call
make a most pertinent statement.

body of William Smith. The external width was about two inches below the base of the right ear, rounded rather angular and inclined; roof by a small tooth ball. The posterior vertex of the spinal column was broken. The tail was found about an inch and a half from the left side of the neck, between the stylus and the gold processes. Deane

Dr. A. Clarkson Smith, M.D.—I was
company with Dr. H. Jo when the
mortu examination was made. The
name made by Dr. John is correct. The
femoral artery, as large as the finger at ca
was the vessel by which the blood was

John Williams (colored), *accorn.* Thursday, the 25th ult., in the lower part of Columbia, where I was at work, in the afternoon, I saw two men arrive at William S. Didn't see any paper in their hands. B. they placed their hands on him, heard him say to the other man, "leave me alone." They then laid hold of him one on each

Didn't hear them say anything to Smith, struggled and tried to pull away from it. I was in a stooped position all the while. I did not any time get his arms away from their hands. From the time they saw Smith until he was shot, I could not have over two minutes. At the end of two minutes, the man they called Ridgely fired shot. Ridgely had a pistol. I did not

Snyder have any instrument, heard the report of the pistol. Did not see the pistol the time Ridgely shot, nor it before. Smith fell and turn over on his back. I mean by struggling is, Smith tried to away from the officers. The backs of were towards me. I was standing about 10 yards from where Smith was shot, at the time of the occurrence. Smith was engaged in using lumber. After Smith fell, I

snail to Ridgely. "come give yourself up." They then started up Front street to the centre of Columbia. When the oil first arrested Smith, I heard Snyder Ridgely to knock him down. This was Smith had fallen in the struggle and raised again. Did not hear Ridgely make reply. There were no persons present at the affair happened, except some co-

Smith made by the colored men or other effort was made after the affair to do violence to the officers; they were not followed by a crowd. Smith did not live more than two minutes after the pistol was fired. I saw all I saw of the struggle, I think the pistol was fired by design. At no time had Smith any advantage over the two officers. I had both of them all the time. I saw

Smith was about five or six feet or seven inches high. Ridgely is about six feet in proportion; Snyder has but one hair. When Snyder told Ridgely to give him up, Ridgely said he would. Smith was waiting for me—had a wife, but no children, I know of.

Henry K. Mignieh, *sworn*.—First to hear of the affair was the report of the

out immediately, and went to the place Smith was lying. When I got there, was no person present. The officers then going away round the board pile, few minutes, the persons at work in the gathered. No person that I saw told Rigdely and Snyder. From my house to the Smith was shot is about twenty yards there was a large black and white

Levi Title (colored), sworn.—I
the alley at the time Ridgely took his
Smith; was between four and five steps
them; I walked on past them and before
got twelve steps from them, I heard a rep-
a pistol. I turned round and saw Smith
ing. I stopped about a minute before I
to them. I found Smith bleeding very

Did not see any warrant or paper in hands of Ridgely when he took hold of Smith.

Christmas Johnson colored, 21 or 22, was present on the afternoon Smith was shot. He did not see the officers until they got to the rear of the building. When I saw them there was one on each side of him—had both arms; Smith was in a stooping position at the time I saw them. I saw Ridgely pick up the gun.

hand in his pocket, and draw out a pistol and throw his arm back as if he was going to strike. Snyder said to him, "shoot him"—did not hear Ridgely say that; but he shot immediately afterwards. They both had hold of Smith, with backs towards me. I saw both officers hold of Smith. Ridgely had hold with one whilst he put the other in his pocket and drew out his pistol. Smith was in front of me.

position at the time Ridgely shot. I was on top of a board pile at the time. No one interfered with the officers to rescue Smith. During the time I saw them, Smith became unresponsive. Snyder said he saw Smith succeed in getting loose. After Snyder said to Ridgely, you will have to give your seal up, Ridgely said he would not do that. Snyder said he saw Smith start off. No person followed him. That is all I saw. Smith lived about two minutes after he was shot.

Smith when Snyder and Ridgely arrested him; they caught him by the breast of his jacket. Smith said, "man what do you mean?" Ridgely put his hand in his pocket, drew out a pistol and cocked it, and pointed it at Smith. "now I've got you, you back of a bitch," Smith tried to get away. I saw him and got about thirty

Allee Bowsin colored, sworn.—I was the top of a board pile about twelve feet about fifteen yards from where Smith shot. I heard some person say, "oh oh men," which caused me to look and

I saw Snyder have hold of Smith's left hand and Ridgely holding his right, with his hand. Smith was pulling towards the door. I saw Ridgely raise his hand with a pistol; it: heard him say something, but could not understand what it was, and instantly fired. Smith fell forward on his face, rolled over on his back. Ridgely then

